

FISCAL NOTE

SB 342 - HB 348

March 30, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to indemnify and hold harmless contractors from claims and damages awarded as a result of the contractor's reliance on the agency's designs, plans, or specifications.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

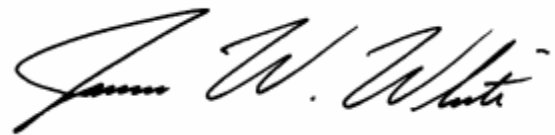
Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent TDOT chooses to hold contractors harmless from claims and damages awarded, state expenditures to the Highway Fund would increase by an unknown significant amount. This amount is reasonably estimated to exceed \$25,000 per year.

Assumptions:

- Fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on the extent to which TDOT chooses to hold contractors harmless from claims and damages and the particulars of each individual claim.
- To the extent TDOT chooses to hold contractors harmless from claims and damages awarded state expenditures would increase by an unknown significant amount. This amount is reasonably estimated to exceed \$25,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director